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New CIA Chief

Editor Tribune:

LBJ's appointment of retired Admiral Rayborn to chief of the CIA has drawn many nasty comments from the news analysts — but they've failed to get nasty enough. Rayborn is being given credit for development of the Fleet Ballistic Missile Program, where missiles were to be adapted to submarines. But anyone who "knows," is well aware that Adm. Rickover had to rescue the program by adapting the subs to the missiles. Rickover was scheduled for retirement at the time, because he was being passed over for promotion — his then being a captain — and, of course, because he was one of the very few with any brains whatsoever. Rayborn was selected to develop the program, because he was a known conformist, and being an aviator, would not conflict so much with the jealousies of the Air Force — The puerile egotists being what they are throughout the "dumb forces."

Rayborn is no scientist, engineer; but a follower of the follower of the follower, which is the only game in town, within the dumb forces — ask those who know the story behind the firing of MacArthur, Gen. Walker, and any others who'd use their heads toward the innovation of anything farther advanced than when flogging was so popular. Rayborn, as an aviator, should have been aware of a thing called "weight and balance," but it never occurred to him, till after many millions of man hours and billions of dollars later, that what he so hotly pursued was not only infeasible but preposterous. Rayborn never developed anything more than a paunch, a harrumph, and a hankering for hair! Rickover's genius has

since been recognized, but only through public demands — not Navy recognition.

But Rayborn is from "Take-sus" and will be an asset to LBJ's debauched Washington society. Incompetence of the CIA is the best known thing in the world — so now we're to add to it, by installing someone with no experience at intelligence, at its head!

Wire the President — tell him the security of this land may well rest within the hands of an incompetent — and "rest" it will.

Today, the CIA admits it doesn't know what's going on in Cuba; though those who have recently slipped out of the country confirm the fact of there being another build-up of offensive missiles. "To hell with the Monroe Doctrine — full speed toward the welfare state!"—ROBERT C. BLAISDELL